



Second Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 Worship Celebration

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | Inviting, Growing, Serving...

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Jan 18, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: HABITS OF A HEALTHY HEART

In new seasons, we often focus on what we should do more of. But sometimes, we just need to simplify. In our series, Habits of a Healthy Heart, we'll take a deep breath, make space for God, and allow Him to work in our lives.

The Gathering

OPENING SONG

Agnus Dei

A-llelui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a

Chorus 1 Holy Holy

Are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus 2 You are holy holy

Are You, Lord, God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

A-llelui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a A-llel-ui-a

For the Lord, God Almighty, reigns

A-llel-ui-a

(*Chorus 2*) x2

Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

Be Thou My Vision (Light Guiding Me)

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought By day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom And Thou my true word
I ever with thee And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

Chorus I will lift up my eyes
To my help and my strength
Till my faith becomes sight
Be the light guiding me

Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance Now and always
Thou and Thou only First in my heart
High King of heaven My treasure Thou art (*Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

High King of heaven My victory won
May reach heaven's joys Oh bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart Whatever befall
Still be my vision Oh Ruler of all
Still be my vision Oh Ruler of all

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word

READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

RESPONSE

Thy Word

please stand

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path *(Repeat)*

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

MESSAGE

The Habit of Solitude | Pastor Rob

Service of Holy Baptism

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Nico Jaxon Mijarez to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God’s house and teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: I do.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of His own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to His command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that this child who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin and cleanse him by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of Your glorious kingdom.

To You be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

S: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Nico, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Nico: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Nico, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Ivan & Kristen. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Nico. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member in the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same Heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

please stand

Amazing grace How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

OFFERATORY PRAYER

A: God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth
and created us in your likeness.
You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.
All through our weary years and our silent tears,
you did not abandon us to ourselves,
but sought us out in love.
In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,
but to save the world from sin.
Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that we who share this meal may become a holy communion,
the body of Christ in the world.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

AN INVITATION

We invite you to share in Holy Communion this morning, regardless of your church background or lack thereof. We believe that God is present in the bread and wine as it becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ and that this presence is a gift of grace in the lives of those who receive it. All are welcomed to the table enjoy this gift of God's love and mercy. Apple/Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at usher stand.

COMMUNION BLESSING *please stand*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

The Sending

SENDING PRAYER

A: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of every blessing	Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing	Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet	Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it	Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness	'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when	Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song	Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me	And I'll never be alone

Chorus Come Thou Fount come Thou King
 Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
 Hear Your bride to You we sing
 Come Thou Fount of our blessing
 (Repeat)

O to grace how great a debtor	Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter	Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it	Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it	Seal it for Thy courts above

(Chorus)

I was lost in utter darkness	'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when	Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song	Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me	And I'll never be alone

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Faith!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Have questions about Faith? Wondering how to get connected or get more involved? We'd love to help. No matter where you are in life or how many times you've visited, we're here to guide you towards your next best step. Stop by the welcome center located near the main entrance. If this is your first time at Faith, let us know, we've got a special gift just for you!

BAPTISM TODAY

Today we celebrated the baptism of Nico Jaxon Mijarez, son of Ivan & Kristen Mijarez. Please welcome him into God's family!

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Sun 1/18

Council will hold an informational Q&A today at 9:30am at the fireplace and at 10:30am in the sanctuary to discuss agenda and content for annual meeting. Bring your coffee and questions!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun 1/25 | 10:45 AM

All members are invited to attend Faith's annual congregational meeting. Agenda items will include a review and celebration of 2025, approval of the 2026 spending plan, the election of council members and nominating committee members.

ADULT ONLINE STUDY GROUP

Tues 1/20 | 7:00 PM

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation. You can find freedom from the battles in your mind if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face.

This 6-week online study is facilitated by Becky Marchiando. Please register online or at the welcome center so that we may send you Zoom credentials required to participate and come join us!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVE EVENT

Weds 1/21 | 7:15 PM

Join with other people from Faith as we serve at FMSC on Wednesday, January 21st from 7:15-8:45pm. Sign up today online or at the welcome center. Open to everyone 5 years old and up. Go, Serve, Love!

CHILI COOK OFF

Sat 1/31 | 5:00 PM

Do you make the best Chili? Don't Cook? Join us in the tasting and judge your favorite Chili! Sign up soon at the welcome center to enter your favorite Chili recipe, or to bring desserts or sides, e.g. corn bread. Open to all ages. If you're competing, please have your Chili entry at the church by 4:30 PM. Please bring any fixings for your chili, e.g. cheese, sour cream, etc. Prizes will be awarded along with bragging rights of course

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Mon 1/26 | 7:15 PM

Unfolding over 6 sessions, Nicki Koziarz walks women through the Book of Ruth, focusing on the Moabite woman's 5 practical habits that kept her eyes on God: Ruth accepted the assignment of refinement, followed through on her commitments despite her feelings, remained open to the movement of God, gave others what she needed, and moved forward in faith. Meeting Mondays at Faith Jan 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 9 & 23

TUESDAY AM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 9:00 AM

Esther - Character Under Pressure by Patty Pell.

This nine-session Bible Study looks at the Old Testament book of Esther and how she faced life-threatening pressure to save her people. Through Biblical reflection the study explores how to develop godly character through the contemporary pressures that challenge us today. The workbook will be made available at the meetings (\$8). It is also available in Kindle format. For additional information contact Sue Boozell at sue.boozell@discoveringfaith.com.

REVOLUTION

Sun 1/18 & 2/1 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you.** After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays

DINING NIGHT FOR FAITH

Thurs 1/29 | 4:00 PM

Faith is hosting our next Dining Night for Faith on Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 4:00pm-8:00pm at Panera Bread at the corner of Rt. 59 & 75th St (across from Home Depot).

Please make sure to use flyer at the welcome center and share with your friends. This event is only at the Panera at 491 IL-59, Aurora, IL . Panera will donate 25% of all sales that mention the flyer directly to Faith Lutheran Church.

KIDWERKS

Sundays | 9:30 AM

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com PreK – 5th grade

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sun 2/8

Scout Sunday will be observed February 8. Faith Lutheran Church's Cub Scout Pack 643 and Scout Troop 508 will be present at both 8:00 and 9:30 AM services to greet parishioners and assist with the service. This is a great opportunity for our congregation and our Scouts to come together.

NEXT

Sun 2/1 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

If you've ever wondered how to get involved at Faith or how to take the next step, don't worry. We've created a simple next step for you. It's a small gathering called NEXT. This informal gathering lasts approximately 20 minutes and will provide you with an overview of our mission, strategy, and environment to help you determine your best next step in continuing your faith journey. Pastor Rob and Jenn Richardson, Faith's volunteer coordinator, will be on hand for conversation and to welcome you to Faith. Meets fireside.

PANCAKES FOR A PURPOSE

Sun 2/8 | 7:30 AM

Join us in supporting Scouts BSA Troop 508 at their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 8, from 7:30–11:30 AM right here at Faith Lutheran Church.

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice, and fruit while helping fund Scout programs, service projects, and leadership development. \$20 per family | \$5 per individual

Bring your family, bring your friends, and come support our local Scouts—we can't wait to see you! (Pre-registration is advised, www.discoveringfaith.com)

MEMBERSHIP @ FAITH

Mon Feb 16 & 23 | 6:30 PM

This two-part course invites participants to explore the vision, mission and values of Faith, as well as a broad overview of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will also discover their unique gifts and how they can use them in serving others. This course is open to everyone, and is required of those who wish to become members at Faith! Register on line or at the welcome center.

HESED HOUSE SERVING EVENT

Weds 2/18 | 6:30 PM

Faith's next serving opportunity at Hesed House is February 18. We will need roughly 5 to 10 volunteers to help with meal setup, serving, and cleanup. Volunteers can conveniently signup online or at the welcome center. All that's needed is a serving heart. Sign up today! If you have questions about Faith's Hesed House ministry, please reach out to the ministry team at hessedhouse@discoveringfaith.com.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 2/21 | 10:00 AM

THIS MONTH WE ARE MEETING THE THIRD SATURDAY 2/21

This month's speaker is Denika McMillen with the topic 'Bonds - How Our Earliest Relationships Affect Our Current Ones'

A Moment for Mom is a group for moms of kiddos ages 0-10 that meets the 2nd Saturday each month through May 2026. Sessions provide a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Our website is ready for you to explore our speakers and costs for the 2025-2026 year. Come join us and other moms to laugh, learn, and connect. Register today and/or reach out to us for more information at www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom.

NIGHT OF FAITH (21+ Event)

Sat 2/21 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of fellowship, fortune, and fun! You're invited to a night of food and drinks, silent and live auctions, and our Golden Ticket raffle drawing. Event tickets are \$25/person or \$40/couple. Adults only (21+ event).

Introducing the Night of Faith - Golden Raffle Extravaganza! Exotic cruise? Tropical vacation? That giant TV you've always wanted? Nah, we're going with Cash! That's right! This year, the Night of Faith Golden Ticket Raffle winner will receive cold, hard, cash! \$2000 of it, in fact! Each raffle ticket is \$100. While there are no limits to the number of \$100 tickets any individual can purchase, WE WILL LIMIT total ticket sales to 60 tickets, maximizing your odds at scoring the \$2000 golden prize. Buy 1, buy 2, heck, buy 10, and get in the game before they are gone!

Event and Golden tickets on sale now. Purchase tickets online or at the church between Sunday services. Winner need not be present to win.

As Easy as Click & Give



As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace irrational generosity. We know it changes lives—ours and the people we're reaching. At Faith, taking action on your generosity is simple. Just scan the QR code with your camera and give. Simple, safe, and secure.



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